GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS - PR & RD Department – Allegations on substandard execution of Pucca internal roads/streets including drainage system and culverts within the village under convergence funds at ST Locality-1 in Atchaiahpalem village of Rompicherla Mandal in respect of two(2) works - Disciplinary proceedings initiated and articles of charges are framed against Sri M.Eraswamy, the then EE, PRI Division, Narasaraopet (retired as SE, PR, Anantapuramu) and four (4) other Charged officers - Written statements of defense received - Appointment of Inquiring Authority and Presenting Officer under Rule 20(2)(5)(c) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Orders - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 164 Dated: 17-03-2025

Read the following:

1. First QC Inspection Report, dated.25.04.2019.
2. Second QC Inspection Report, dated.03.08.2020.
3. Orders of High Court of A.P, dated 25.10.2021 in W.P.No.24401 of 2021, filed by Sri Mandalapu Chinna Venkatarao, R/o.Guntur District.
4. Letter No. Vig.III(1)/1889/2022, dt.19.08.2024 of the ENC, PR.
5. G.O.Rt.No.512, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 12.09.2024.
6. G.O.Rt.No.513, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 12.09.2024.
7. G.O.Rt.Nos.514-518, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 12.09.2024.
8. Letter No.Vig.III(1)/1889/2022, dt.02.12.2024 of ENC, PR along with WSDs of all five(5) COs.

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ORDER:-

Whereas, the 1st Quality Control team in the reference 1st read above have reported **nil recovery** in respect of two (2) works i.e., "Pucca internal roads/streets including drainage system and culverts within village under convergence funds at ST Locality-1 in Atchaiahpalem village of Rompicherla Mandal for the Work ID Nos.0770540-19009080012 with an estimated cost of Rs.15.00 lakhs and another work No.0770540-21010080018 with an estimated cost of Rs.20.00 lakhs respectively and have not brought the same to notice of the 2nd Quality Control Team while conducting quality control inspection, which reported recoveries for an amount of Rs.10,25,213/- and Rs.17,27,072/- respectively, causing huge embarrassment in the Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh High Court in W.P.No.24401/2021, filed by contractor, Sri M.C.Venkatarao, R/o.Guntur, praying for payment for above mentioned works.

2. In the reference 4th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, has furnished details of Panchayat Raj Engineering Personnel, who have executed and inspected the two works based on the service particulars/incumbency particulars and as well as other connected records available:-

Executed personnel:

i. *Sri M.Eraswamy, the then EE, PRI Division, Narsaraopet (retired as SE, PR, Anantapuramu)*

ii. *Sri G.Vijaya Kumar, the then Dy,.EE, PRI SD, Narasaraopet and presently working as PA to EE, O/o.PIU Division, Guntur;*

iii. *Sri K.P.V.Seshappaiah, the then AE, MPP, Rompicherla and presently working as AE, MPP, Atchampeta;*

1st PR, Vig. & QC Personnel, who inspected the works:

iv. *Sri B.Rama Rao, the then Dy.EE, PR, V&QC SD, Narsaraopet and presently working as Dy.EE, PRISD, Bapatla;*

v. *Sri P.Sivaji Ganesh, the then AE, V&QC SD, Narsaraopet and presently working as AE, PR, QC&QC Division, Parchur.*

3. Accordingly, Government in the references 5th read above, have accorded sanction under Rule 9(2)(b)(ii) of APRP Rules, 1980, to initiate disciplinary action against Sri M.Eraswamy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Narsaraopet (retired as SE, PR, Anantapuramu) and also initiated common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, vide reference 6th read above, duly framing articles of charges against the above five (05) Charged Officers under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 vide reference 7th read above, with a direction to submit their written statements of defense (WSsD).

4. In the reference 8th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, has furnished the written statements of defense (WSsD) of all the five (05) charged officers, wherein, all the charged officers have denied the articles of charges framed against them.

5. After examination of the matter, Government have taken a decision to continue the departmental proceedings against (i) Sri M.Eraswamy, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Narsaraopet (retired as SE, PR, Anantapuramu), (ii) Sri G.Vijaya Kumar, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI SD, Narasaraopet and presently working as PA to EE, O/o.PIU Division, Guntur, (iii) Sri K.P.V.Seshappaiah, the then Assistant Engineer, MPP, Rompicherla and presently working as Assistant Engineer, MPP, Atchampeta, (iv) Sri B.Rama Rao, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Narsaraopet and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRISD, Bapatla and (v) Sri P.Sivaji Ganesh, the then Assistant Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Narsaraopet and presently working as Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj, QC&QC Division, Parchur, since the written statements of defense (WSsD) of all the charged officers are not found convincing.

6. Now, therefore, Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991, hereby appoint the Chief Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Vigilance & Quality Control, O/o.Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, as the Inquiring Authority (IA) to conduct inquire into the charges framed against five (05) Charged Officers, mentioned in para (5) above.

7. The Government also hereby appoint the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Guntur as the Presenting Officer(PO) to present the case in support of the articles of charges framed against the said Charged Officers on behalf of the Government before the Inquiry Authority under Rule 20(5)(c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

8. The Presenting Officer shall acquaint himself with the facts of the case and present the case before the Inquiry Authority effectively. He is also requested to obtain and produce documents, if any, required by the Inquiring Authority during the course of inquiry without referring the matter to the Government.

9. The Inquiring Authority is requested to conduct Inquiry strictly in terms of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 and submit report as required under (18)(ii) of the above said Rules, **within three (3) months**. Copies of Articles of Charges issued to the five (5) Charged Officers and their written statements of defence (WSsD) are furnished herewith to the Inquiring Authority as required under rule 20(7) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Chief Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Vigilance & Quality Control,
O/o.Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj,A.P.(IA)(w.e.)
The Superintending Engineer, PR CIRCLE, Guntur District (P.O.)(w.e.)
The individuals concerned **Through** the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchyat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
P.S. to Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Dept.,
SF/SC.

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SECTION OFFICER